

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1 – 12 (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended - Withdrawn) An [[The]] image forming apparatus as recited in claim 12, comprising:

an image reader for reading an original and acquiring image data of the original;

an image memory for storing the image data acquired by the image reader;

a mode memory for storing image forming conditions selected for the acquired image data, said image forming conditions being at least one of: number of copies, and magnification;

a printer for printing an image on a paper, based on the image data stored in the image memory, under the image forming conditions stored in the mode memory;

a command unit for generating a command of discarding the image data being printed by the printer;

an image data discarding controller for discarding the image data stored in the image memory when the command of discarding the image data is generated by the command unit, while maintaining the associated image forming conditions stored in the mode memory;

a print control unit for causing the printer to print another image data newly read by the image reader after the discarding of image data from the image memory under the maintained image forming conditions in the mode memory; and

a job stopping controller for stopping a print operation of a job being printed by the printer;

wherein the command unit generates a command of discarding image data of the job stopped by the job stopping controller; and

wherein the image data discarding controller discards the image data of the job stopped by the job stopping controller and maintains the image forming conditions of the job;

wherein the image reader and the printer operate independently, and the image memory stores image data for a plurality of jobs; and

wherein the print control means unit give priority to a new job for printing under the maintained forming conditions over the rest of the jobs on a waiting list.

14 - 18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) An image forming apparatus, comprising:

a first memory for storing image data;

a second memory for storing image forming conditions, said image forming conditions being at least one of: number of copies, and magnification;

an image output unit for printing image data stored in a first memory under the image forming conditions stored in the second memory;

a command unit for generating a command of discarding the image data being printed from the image output unit;

an image data discarding controller for discarding the image data stored in the first memory when the command of discarding the image data is generated by the command unit, while maintaining the associated image forming conditions stored in the second memory;

a job stopping controller for stopping a print operation of a job being printed by the image output unit;

wherein the command unit generates a command of discarding the image data of the job stopped by the job stopping controller; and

wherein the image data discarding controller discards the image data of the job stopped by the job stopping controller and maintains the image forming conditions of the job;

an image input unit for inputting image data to the first memory; and

an output control unit for causing the output unit to output image data newly input from the image input unit after the discarding of image data from the first memory under the maintained image forming conditions;

wherein the first memory stores a plurality of image data, and the output control unit gives priority to the newly inputted image data to be printed under the maintained image forming conditions over the rest of the image data.

23. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus of claim 19, wherein storing image forming conditions for the image data in a memory, said image forming conditions being at least one of: number of copies, magnification and paper size.

24. (New - Withdrawn) The image forming apparatus of claim 13, wherein the print control unit causes the printer to automatically print another image data newly read by the image reader after the discarding of image data from the image memory under the maintained image forming conditions in the mode memory.